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We claim:

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1. A food composition comprising:

at least two components comprising

at least one baked component; and

at least one heat-processed component comprising a cartilage supplement selected from the group consisting of GLCN, NAG, and combinations thereof,

wherein the heat-processed component contains at least about 70% of cartilage supplement present in the heat-processed component prior to heat processing.

- 2. The food composition of claim 1, wherein the heat-processed component is selected from the group consisting of coatings, glazes, cake filling, pie filling, agglomerating material, frosting, and mixtures thereof.
- 3. The food composition of claim 1, wherein the heat-processed component is at a temperature of at least about 160°F.
- 4. The food composition of claim 1, wherein the heat-processed component is 20 at a temperature of at least about 170°F.
 - 5. The food composition of claim 1, wherein the heat-processed component is at a temperature of at least about 180°F.
- 25 6. The food composition of claim 1, wherein the heat-processed component contains at least about 80% of cartilage supplement present in the heat-processed component prior to heating.
- 7. The food composition of claim 1, wherein the heat-processed component30 contains at least about 90% of cartilage supplement in the heat-processed component prior to heating.

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A food composition comprising two components comprising:
 a baked portion; and

a non-baked portion comprising a cartilage supplement selected from the group consisting of GLCN, NAG, and combinations thereof, wherein the non-baked portion is combined with the baked portion.

- 9. The food composition of claim 8, wherein the cartilage supplement is in a coating or glaze.
- 10 10. The food composition of claim 8, wherein the cartilage supplement is in a cereal coating.
 - 11. The food composition of claim 8, wherein the cartilage supplement is in a cake filling.

12. The food composition of claim 8, wherein the cartilage supplement is in a pie filling.

- 13. The food composition of claim 8, wherein the cartilage supplement is in an agglomerating material.
 - 14. The food composition of claim 8, wherein the cartilage supplement is in a frosting.
- 25 15. A method of making a food composition comprising:

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providing a second component comprising a cartilage supplement selected from the group consisting of GLCN, NAG, and combinations thereof,

heat processing the second component to for a heat-processed component,
wherein the heat-processed component contains at least 70% of the cartilage
supplement present in the second component prior to heat processing; and

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combining the at least one baked component and the at least one heat-processed component.

- 16. A method of making a ready-to-eat cereal comprising:
- 5 baking a first component of the cereal; and

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coating the first component of the cereal with a composition comprising a cartilage supplement selected from the group consisting of GLCN, NAG or combinations thereof after baking the first component of the cereal.

- 10 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the coating is accomplished by spraying the cereal with the cartilage supplement.
 - 18. The method of claim 16, wherein coating is accomplished by enrobing the cereal with the cartilage supplement.
 - 19. The method of claim 16, wherein the composition comprising the cartilage supplement further comprises a sweetener.
- 20. A method of determining available GLCN and/or NAG in a food product20 comprising:

contacting the food product with a strong acid; and separating the GLCN and/or NAG from the insoluble portion of the food product.